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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**ACCOMPANYING REMARKS**

Sir:

Please amend the claims prior to examining the same in this Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.